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Employees
Names

Relevant information from
Oswald 201 regarding
David Atlee Phillips.

1 The copies of surveillance transcripts ⁽¹³³⁻⁵⁹⁴⁾ in Oswald's 201 do not have a routing slip attached and are not initialed in any manner so as to be able to determine whether or not Phillips saw them.

2 The first cable reporting Oswald's contact with the Soviet Embassy (Mexi 6453, 5-1-A) is one of the very few cables which does not have a routing slip attached. This cable originated with Barbara Manell and was released by W. In Scott. There is no way to determine from this file whether or not Dave Phillips had anything to do with this cable. The cable is dated 10/8/63.

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3 The first document in Oswald's Mexican 201 that went to Phillips was an 11/25/63 cable to HQ (Mexi 7055, 89-33) reporting newspaper coverage of Oswald's visit and a reminder of Castro's threat at the Brazilian Embassy

4 On the same day a Cable from JMWAVE (WAVE 8149, 101-573) was routed to Phillips. It reported a phone call from one Carbaca to Emilio Nunez Portuondo, both known anti-Castro Cubans. The call, from Mexico City to Miami, was intercepted by the Secret Service. During this call one of the parties said that Castro was behind the assassination and that Bobby was next. The JMWAVE cable gave ~~the~~ AN incorrect 201 number for

Nunes. On the routing slip Phillips wrote: "This call was heard by lots of people... Perhaps worth mentioning at staff meeting - to show how insecure international calls are." The Secret Service investigated and filed a report on 12/4/63.

5. The next cable routed to Phillips, ~~also~~ dated 11/25/63, concerned the initial interview of Gilberto Alvarez Ugarte (Mexi 7067, 124-54).

6. On 11/28/63 the file indicates that Phillips received the cable traffic regarding turning Ugarte over to Mexican authorities.

7. Between 11/26 and 11/28 there is no indication that Phillips received anything relating to the assassination.

8. After Ugarte was delivered to the Mexican authorities Phillips started receiving major portions of the information on the assassination that was being routed through station personnel. He apparently received all the documents dealing with misinformation. ~~These~~ what later turned out to be.

9. In February 1964 Phillips was routed all traffic concerning Salvador Diaz Verson. Verson was the source of the report placing Oswald at a restaurant in Mexico City with Sylvia Duran and Cuban Ambassador Armas. Phillips wrote on the RS for the first cable concerning this story: "I knew him in Havana. His reports were unreliable."

10. An examination of Nunez's 201 reveals that Diaz Verson were associated in anti-Castro efforts as early as 1959, when they met in an attempt to consolidate forces.

11. On 1 October 1963 Phillips was in Washington preparing to take over his new job of running operations aimed at the Cubans in Mexico City. Phillips spent two days (7 October to 9 October) in consultation with JM WAVE officers. He returned to Mexico and assumed his duties as chief of Cuban operations on 9 October 1963.